

STRIKE WILDS SPREAD

Condition at Denver Grows More Troublesome.

ARBITRATION FAILED

PROSPECT THAT MORE MEN WILL GO OUT.

Danger That Valuable Products Will Spoil in Railroad Yards—The Situation Elsewhere.

DENVER, May 15.—It is likely that many more unions will be called out on strike today owing to the rejection of the labor committee's proposition by the Citizens' Alliance yesterday. Already there is a total of more than 3,000 men on strike. Among those most likely to be called out today are the garment makers, brewery employees, bartenders, retail clerks, carriage and hack drivers, engineers and firemen, candy makers and ash haulers.

By the calling out of the engineers and firemen there is danger that \$300,000 worth of meat in the refrigerators at the stock yards will be spoiled.

There has been some disorder, but nothing of a serious nature. The police department has increased its force to handle the situation.

The situation between the contending factions is a deadlock this morning. President Craig announces that the Citizens' Alliance will not accede to the unions' demands, and President Cones is equally sure the labor committee will not arbitrate with the alliance.

Labor leaders object to further negotiations with the alliance on the ground that in its membership are included not only employers of labor, but many non-union workers, whom they regard as strike breakers.

Application for Injunction.

At 10 o'clock today counsel for the transfer and van owners of the city applied in the federal court for an injunction against the Teamsters' National Union of America, the transfer drivers' local and van drivers' and helpers' local, and all members belonging to these organizations. The plaintiffs asked for an injunction to restrain the defendants from interfering with the business of the complainants as common carriers of freight between the cities of the United States, or from hindering or obstructing wagons or vehicles engaged in carrying freight and articles of interstate commerce, etc.

Judge Hallett refused to grant the injunction without a hearing. The attorneys for the defendants stated that they had not time to employ counsel, and asked for further time. They promised in the meantime to do nothing in conflict with the terms of the injunction asked for. The judge then granted a continuance to next Wednesday.

Labor Situation in New York.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Members of the Excavators and Rockmen's unions held a joint meeting today and discussed their differences with the contractors, especially those concerned in the subway work. These strikers decided to maintain their position and keep away from work. There were no special incidents to the meeting.

Pickets of strikers in groups of five were stationed on all of the city's main thoroughfares. They talked with strikers who seemed to be inclined to go back to work, but so far as the police on duty there could see, their talk was an empty gesture. No violence or attempts at intimidation were made. The police had little work to do, and all of the strikers appeared to be in a conciliant mood, despite the fact that many men had been found to take their places.

Extra Police Force at Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., May 15.—A hundred deputies and twenty-five bicycle patrolmen were distributed throughout the residence portions of the city today and the regular police force maintain order.

No early calls were received by the police and no disturbances were reported this morning. From the police station it was learned that preparations were being made for securing an additional force if such precautions were found necessary.

One restaurant signed the waiters' scale and agreed for business today. At a meeting of the waiters' union a resolution was adopted censuring yesterday's violence and warning that any member of the union proved guilty of overt acts would be expelled.

Decision Against Strikers.

CHICAGO, May 15.—The Chicago board of arbitration last night made its award in the trouble of the People's Gas Light and Coke Company and employees who charged that they were being discriminated against because they were members of a labor union.

The board held that the safety of the public is involved in the gas supply, and that it would be dangerous to have the gas plants in "the charge of a collection of men who are subject to the absolute orders of some leader who may not have the general good of the community in mind."

The board found that the men dropped from the pay rolls of the company before the strike was called, had been discharged during the strike and that those who had been rehired were not given the same consideration as the others. The company was ordered to pay the men who had been discharged during the strike the same wages and benefits as the others.

The company employs many union men in its different departments, and the board protected them by a decree that the company shall "not discriminate against members of any labor body."

Switchemen Strike.

EL PASO, Tex., May 15.—All the switchmen at El Paso and Southwestern railway yards are out on strike today because the night men were discharged for demanding extra help.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 15.—The conductors and motormen employed by the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company here went on strike today, closing all the lines in the city. The company offered a slight increase in wages, but refused recognition of the union. About 225 men are out.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Six thousand employees of the Deering Harvester Company, after a strike of three days, returned to work today, pursuant to the agreement made last night.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, May 15.—Premier James Watson today received a letter from the officials of the Engine Drivers' Association declaring the strike off and submitting unconditional terms.

The president of the Engine Drivers' Association, in an interview, said the surrender was due to the strike being a strike bill, which was sure of adoption, and increased the number of men returning to work. It was only fair, therefore, to place the others on the same level.

Violence at Ouahua.

A dispatch from Ouahua last night says P. J. Macdonald, a driver for a delivery com-

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TWO CENTS.

ON ANXIOUS BENCH

A Hundred People to Be Thrown Out.

FORCE TO BE REDUCED

CENSUS BUREAU CLERKS TO BE DISMISSED.

In Accordance With Terms of the Appropriation Act—Mr. North to Take Charge in June.

One hundred census office clerks will lose their positions before the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1. This action is made necessary by reason of the specific character of the appropriation for the support of the bureau for the next year.

Mr. North, who will take charge of the office as director immediately after the return of President Roosevelt to Washington, stated today that the number of employees of the office was limited by the terms of the appropriation act, and that there was no other way than to comply with those terms.

An Inevitable Loss.
"We are very sorry to lose any of our force," he remarked to a Star reporter, "but there seems no other way."

Mr. North believes that the work of the bureau can be carried along unimpeded with the smaller force provided during the next year. The only additional work to be undertaken is the tabulation of the returns of the Philippine census, and under the terms of the appropriation act the balance of an emergency fund amounting to \$300,000 is made available for the employment of temporary clerks.

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AS TO INDORSEMENT

CONVENTION AS TO THE OHIO CONVENTION'S ACTION.

Resolution It Will Pass.

Ohio politicians in Washington have been very much interested in the question which has been raised whether the coming republican state convention in the buckeye state would endorse the renomination of President Roosevelt.

The intimation has gone abroad that there might be a struggle in the convention on that point.

Senator Hanna's private secretary, Mr. Elmer Dover, was in Washington yesterday, and in conversation with some friends expressed the opinion that the convention would endorse Mr. Roosevelt.

He based his belief on the ground that such indorsement would be irregular. The indorsement by the New York state convention last summer was not an analogous case, he declared, because in that instance it was recognition of the state's "favorite son."

State Senator Patterson of Ohio, a close friend of Senator Hanna, who also passed through Washington yesterday, concurred in Mr. Dover's opinion, and went on to say that he believed the Ohio republicans favored Senator Hanna or Senator Fairbanks as a presidential candidate.

Resolution, if Offered, Will Pass.
Notwithstanding the expressions of that character, the most conservative opinion in political circles is that if the resolution of indorsement is offered by Mr. Roosevelt's friends, it will be passed in that convention.

There may be a question whether Mr. Roosevelt's supporters in Ohio will be so bold as to offer such a resolution, which admittedly is at its crest in the middle west, can be checked at this time.

The convention will be held the first week in June, just when the President is returning from his western tour.

It may be well at this point to recall the experience of Senator Platt of New York last summer in a similar case. Senator Platt, prior to the Saratoga convention, expressed doubt as to the propriety of the convention committing the republican party of New York so far in advance of the campaign.

He brushed aside the demurrer as if it had not been uttered. It is true that the "favorite son" idea may have had a bearing, but such was not the case in Illinois, where the last republican state convention indorsed Mr. Roosevelt.

REPORT INCONSISTENT.
Not Believed That President of Colombia Has Resigned.

Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires here, has received a letter from Arturo de Brigard, the Colombian consul general at New York, in which he states that his brother, who has just arrived in New York from Bogota, says that the report of the resignation of President Mariscal was unfounded.

It existed when he left the Colombian capital. The consul general's brother does not believe that the president has resigned.

WHEELING'S FEDERAL BUILDING.
Site at 12th and Chapline Streets Has Been Selected.

The Treasury Department has closed a deal with the owner of the lot at 12th and Chapline streets, Wheeling, W. Va., for that lot as a site for the new federal building, having changed its plans as to the selection of what is known as the Fort McHenry site, at 12th and Chapline streets.

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FIRE IN CHICAGO

Two Persons Were Burned to Death.

ANOTHER IS MISSING

OTHERS DANGEROUSLY, PERHAPS FATALY, INJURED.

Westchester Apartment on Cottage Grove Avenue the Scene of the Conflagration.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Two lives were lost in a fire that destroyed the Westchester apartment building at 5017 Cottage Grove avenue early today. One man is missing and is supposed to have perished in the flames, while two persons were probably fatally and others seriously injured by jumping from the windows.

Ten families lived in the apartment building, where a fire started at 10 o'clock. The fire was caused by a gas stove in the kitchen of one of the apartments.

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DATES SET FOR HEARINGS

Alleged Violations of the Interstate Commerce Law.

Commerce Law.

The following dates and places for hearings in important cases of violations of the interstate commerce law have been assigned by the interstate commerce commission:

St. Louis, June 11—Central Yellow Pine Association against numerous railroads, involving payment of alleged rebates by tap-line divisions of freight.

Chicago, June 15—Oral argument, Chicago Live Stock Exchange against Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe et al., involving rates on live stock as compared with rates on products of stock raising.

Chicago, June 15—Further hearing, the Cattle Drivers' Association of Texas, complainant, and the Chicago Live Stock Exchange, intervenor, against the Fort Worth and Denver City railroad et al., involving the terminal charges at the Chicago stock yards.

Chicago, June 16—Investigation of the matter of allowances to elevators by the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Chicago, June 17—Hearing in the matter of rates on grain and grain products, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, and eight other investigations.

Chicago, June 17—Hearing in the matter of class and commodity rates from St. Louis to Texas, common points in force over the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, and three other investigations.

The Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railroad today filed with the commission a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the commission to issue orders for the payment of rebates on account of so-called tap-line logging.

The commission has refused to issue such orders, and the railroad is now seeking a writ of mandamus to compel the commission to issue such orders.

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